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and Auditors

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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
NORMAN HUBBARD January 1 - April 30, 1952	GILFORD
WALTER A. WOODWARD	LACONIA
MAURICE W. SAWYER May 1, December 31, 1952	GILFORD

SOLICITOR

WILLIAM W. KELLER	LACONIA

TREASURER

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA

SHERIFF

HOMER L. CROCKETT	BELMONT

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

HARRY E. TRAPP	LACONIA

JUDGE OF PROBATE

CARROLL W. STAFFORD	LACONIA

REGISTER OF PROBATE

RICHARD G. TILTON	LACONIA

DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE

DOROTHEA R. CONLY	LACONIA

REGISTER OF DEEDS

CHARLES P. RAYMOND	LACONIA

DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

DOROTHEA E. HILLARD	LACONIA

AUDITORS

DANA S. BEANE	LACONIA
J. CLINTON ROPER	MEREDITH

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
GEORGE H. GAULT	TILTON
SYLVIO J. MORIN	GILFORD
PHYLLIS CROWLEY	BELMONT
RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME AND JAILER

JOHN A. PICKARD	TILTON

MATRON

MRS. INA A. PICKARD	TILTON

CHAPLAIN

REV. FREDERIC W. FITZPATRIC	BELMONT

MEDICAL REFEREE

EARL W. GAGE, M. D.	LACONIA

Members of the Belknap County Delegation

ALTON	Frederick W. Perkins
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Joseph L. Boutin
GILFORD	Mrs. Lena D. Weeks
GILMANTON	Rolan D. Osborne
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Myron B. Hart
Ward 2	Alfred W. Simoneau
Ward 3	Elmer S. Tilton
Ward 4	Robert P. Tilton Otto G. Keller, Ch.
Ward 5	Theodore M. Thompson David O'Shan
Ward 6	John F. Brown
MEREDITH	Horace U. Ransom Joseph F. Smith
NEW HAMPTON	Archibald H. Mathews
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Cl.
TILTON	Warren E. Metcalf

RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION

LACONIA, N. H.—MARCH 7, 1952

A public budget hearing was held at the Belknap Court House at 7 p.m. with Chairman Otto G. Keller presiding. Present for the delegation were; Representatives Keller, Atwood, Boutin, Weeks, Matthews, Thompson, Hart, Simoneau, E. Tilton, R. Tilton, Ransom, Metcalf and J. Smith who is also a Commissioner. Other county commissioners present, Walter Woodward and Norman Hubbard. Manager Fritzie Baer and his bookkeeper, Barbara Lyman were present, too.

E. Harrison Merrill represented the Laconia Chamber of Commerce in presenting a vote of that group's Executive Committee at a Wednesday night meeting requesting that a Belknap Co. Recreation Authority be established. No member of the delegation or county commissioner is to serve on the Authority. He spoke at length and was questioned by Rep. Ransom and others.

Other speakers were Mr. Witte of Gilford who favored a non-profit organization receiving the Area as a gift to be administered by them; Fred Nachbar who asked for comparative figures for the first three months of this year and last year, and Selectman Bennett of Sanbornton who asked if Authority members would be chosen from Main Street in Laconia or throughout the county.

Rep. R. Tilton, chairman of the Executive Committee read figures for first quarter of 1951 ($13,000) and up to March 7 for 1952 ($41,250.).

In response to a question from Mr. Bennett whether Mr. Baer had freedom to run the Area according to his judgment, Mr. Baer explained his supervision of the Area. The delegation appropriate the amount which can be spent, the Commissioners authorize the payments, if a surplus occurs, it returns to the county treasury and can not be laid aside for future repairs etc. He stated that the ideal is to keep the Area trails so free from brush that skiing may be done on a minimum of snow. With the present conditions the revenue has mounted.

Mr. Rothafel spoke and asked questions to which Mr. Baer replied.

Rep. R. Tilton and Rep. O. Keller were of the opinion that legislation could be passed to allow any surplus to be set aside for operation of the Area.

Mr. Vose spoke in favor of continuing the Area as an ad-

vertising medium for all the surrounding towns as well as Laconia.

Selectman Hodgdon and others from Meredith spoke against continuing to spend any tax dollars on the Area.

Mr. Robert Chalmers from Tilton stated that people from his town were not willing to subsidize the Area for the benefit of a few. He said it had not been proven that any people outside of Laconia and Gilford received financial benefit from the Area.

Atty. Nighswander spoke with appreciation for the improvement made in skiing conditions over the period since Mr. Baer had been manager and his remarks were seconded by Mr. Whitman Ide.

Mr. Rosenblatt questioned the commissioners about their position on the two propositions; (1) To sell the Area, (2) To set up an Authority.

Com. J. Smith replied that if a bill was entered in the legislature to sell the Area, he would vote for it. "I don't believe the city, county or state should be in private business. The county is gambling with tax payers' money."

The other two commissioners replied that they would not be in favor of an Authority for the county would still be liable for any deficit. The question of selling the Area was another matter and they did not wish to give a definite answer at this time.

Mr. Rosenblatt asked if the delegation agreed and it was stated that the delegation could not be required to answer at a public hearing.

Mr. Droste asked if it were possible to carry the expenses of the Area if there were little snow and Mr. Baer replied that extra facilities would be required to do that owing to the increased competition with many other ski Areas.

Rep. Matthews spoke in defense of Area expenditures citing the necessity of keeping it shut down during the war years and the resultant vandalism.

Selectman Martin of Meredith stated that he was opposed to the Authority idea and suggested a referendum to discover what the county as a whole wished to do with the proposition.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p. m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
OTTO G. KELLER
Chairman

SANBORNTON, N. H.—March 17, 1952

Belknap County Commissioners
Laconia, N. H.
Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Delegation Executive Committee held today the following votes were taken:

"Voted that the Executive Committee request the Commissioners to furnish them an itemized explanation of the recommended appropriation of $7,000 for Care and Supplies for the County Court House for 1952."
"Voted that the Executive Committee request the Commissioners to report to them in detail what is included in the proposed appropriation for $3,000 for Repairs and Farm Machinery, also all other repairs included in the proposed appropriation for the County Home of $65,000."

Manager Baer has invited the delegation to luncheon at the Belknap County Recreation Area on Tuesday, March 25, at 12 o'clock. The delegation invites you to be present at the lunch and for the meeting which will follow it.

Sincerely yours,

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

LACONIA, N. H.—MARCH 17, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Commissioners office at 2 p.m. All members were present. Chairman R. Tilton presided.

Representative Tilton and Representative Keller reported that the Commissioners assured them that at least $25,000 of income would be received this year at the County Home.

The total budget was reviewed.

Voted to ask the Commissioners for an itemized explanation of their recommendations of an appropriation of $7,000 for Care and Supplies of the Court House.

It was suggested that Rep. R. Tilton speak to Judge Leahy concerning probable court costs.

Mrs. Helen Hayner explained the reason for an increase in Soldiers' Aid was caused by an unusually expensive hospital case in a veteran's family.

Voted that the Ex. Com. request from the commissioners a detailed explanation of the $3,000 requested for repairs also all other repairs proposed to be made from the $65,000 requested for support of the County Home.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the Recreation Area on March 25. Manager Baer has invited the delegation there to lunch at 12 o'clock. Business meeting will follow the luncheon. The usual guests will be invited also Mr. and Mrs. John Pickard from the County Home.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
OTTO G. KELLER
Chairman
ROBERT P. TILTON,
Chairman Exec. Comm.

GILFORD, N. H.—MARCH 25, 1952

The Executive Committee met at the superintendent's room at the Recreation Area at 11 A.M. Present were Chairman R. P. Tilton, A. Mathews, H. Ransom, Elmer Tilton, with Chairman Keller and Clerk Atwood; also Commissioners Smith and Woodward.

The Commissioners supplies the information requested. Commissioner Woodward stated the records of 1951 were incorrect in stating that remained unpaid on the Baker contract. He stated that $1,041.66 was paid in 1951 on the 1950 contract. This explained the difference in amount allocated for Care and Supplies for County Court House. The figure of $7,000.00 asked for would not be needed.

Voted to recommend to the Delegation that $6,000.00 be appropriated for "Care and Supplies for County Court House."

The County Home expenses were discussed next, with the information supplied by the Commissioners. $2,450 of the $65,000.00 requested for this item as broken down, was for re-

pairs. Of the $3,000.00 requested for laundry equipment, a price of $2,345.00 has been secured for suitable automatic equipment. This does not include installation and freight. Chairman Keller and Commissioner Woodward conferred with Mrs. Pickard and the agent. Bids will be secured for the equipment.

Voted that the Exec. Comm. recommend that $65,000.00 be appropriated for the County Home.

Voted that the Exec. Comm. recommend the appropriation of $3,000.00 for laundry equipment.

Representative Tilton talked with the Judge concerning the Superior Court expense. He thought that $18,000.00 would be needed. After discussion it was:

Voted to recommend that $17,000.00 be appropriated for the Superior Court.

The Belknap Area was discussed but it was decided to make no recommendation on this item. Representative Atwood asked Commissioner Woodward if he would give the amount of profit as of today and he replied. "To the best of my knowledge the profit as of 2 P.M. yesterday was $20,474.89. This allows for Bills Payable which have not been received to date." Other discussion of the Area followed including comparison with Sunapee State Park and possibilities for further improvements.

Meeting adjourned 12.15

MARION ATWOOD,

Approved by Clerk

R. P. TILTON

At 12:30 a bountiful lunch was served to members of the Delegation and their guests by Manager Fritzie Baer assisted by Mrs. Baer as cook. Guests were County Solicitor William Keller and Chaplain F. W. Fitzpatric. Absent from the delegation were Perkins of Alton, Boutin of Belmont and O'Shan of Laconia. Following lunch the Chairman asked Rev. Fitzpatric to give a short prayer in memory of our departed member John Ewing.

At 1:30 Chairman Keller called the meeting to order. He read the letter which the Laconia Chamber of Commerce presented to the public budget hearing March 7. This referred to setting up an Authority to run the Recreation Area. Discussion revealed that this delegation could not act and it was voted to refer the matter to the Belknap County Delegation of 1953, vote passed by 8 for 2 against.

Representative Metcalf of Tilton offered the following motion:

"Moved that the Belknap County Delegation introduce legislation at the 1953 session of the General Court authorizing the transfer of the Belknap Recreation Area together with building, equipment and supplies, to the State for the sum of $100,000.00"

The motion was seconded and Representative R. Tilton spoke in opposition and Representative Metcalf spoke for the same.

Moved by Representative Ransom and seconded that the motion be amended by inserting the words, "not less than" before the sum of $100,000.00.

Vote on the amendment was 6 in favor, 3 against and the amendment was adopted.

Speaking on the motion as amended were Metcalf, McAllister and Ransom in favor. Speaking against were R. Tilton, Atwood, E. Tilton, Hart, Weeks, Brown. Manager Baer was given permission to speak and gave some facts concerning the Area. He declared there was no real deficit this year as against the figure of $7,000.00 as a deficit could be applied the $6,000.00 in the bank account as of December 31 and an inventory of $5,000.00. (These are in round numbers).

Discussion at length. Representative Atwood asked for the ayes and nays. On roll call the following voted "Yes": McAllister, Ransom, and Metcalf. The following voted "No": Weeks, Hart, Simoneau, E. Tilton, R. Tilton, Keller, Thompson, Brown, Smith, Mathews, Atwood. The motion lost.

Chairman called on Representative Thompson who reported on repairs. He had been unable to get his committee together but inspected the Court House and found that some leaks still existed.

Moved and seconded that the Exec. Comm. be instructed to work as an Area Comm. with the Commissioners and the Area management. It was voted.

In discussion of the budget it was voted that all of the items be voted separately as last year, so voted.

Chairman R. Tilton went over the budget as a whole and explanations were given.

Moved and seconded that $90,000.00 be appropriated for the Area.

It was so voted. The vote was questioned.

It was moved and seconded that the vote be reconsidered. So voted. Voted to rescind the previous vote.

Representative Metcalf presented a motion which was seconded.

It was moved and seconded that the $80,000.00 as itemized in budget presented, with $10,000.00 not available until December, be appropriated with the stipulation that the management have the permission to transfer from one budget item to another a sum not to exceed 10% of the budget ($8,000.00). It was so voted.

Voted that Chairman of the Delegation call a meeting of the members at the Area not later than July 31. It was so voted.

Voted total Budget	$360,823.75
Income	$202,300.55
Amount to be raised by taxation	$158,523.20

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
OTTO G. KELLER
Chairman

VOTES TAKEN MARCH 25, 1952

Voted that all budget items be voted separately:

Voted that $80,000.00 be appropriated for the Belknap County Recreation Area for 1952 according to the budget presented —

Labor	$34,000.00
Supplies	27,500.00
Operating Expenses	18,500.00
	$80,000.00

with the stipulation that not more than 10% of the budget ($8,000.00) may be transferred from one of the above categories to another by the management, Further voted that $10,000.00 more be appropriated but not to be available until the month of December 1952.

Voted that:

County Home: $65,000.00 includes $2,450.00 for repairs as appended.

ESTIMATED BUDGET — COUNTY FARM, 1952

	Gross Expenditures 1952
	$61,745.41
New Farm Machinery	$ 400.00
Oiling Street	350.00
Replace Heater, Milk Room	275.00
Remodel Helps' Kitchen	300.00
Remodel Men's Dining Room	275.00
Retube Boiler	850.00
	$ 2,450.00
Plus increase in Labor costs	
New Equipment Laundry	$ 3,000.00

Signed: MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk County Delegation

A true Copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD

LACONIA, N. H.—MAY 19, 1952

The Executive Committee met at the Commissioner's office at 2:15 p.m. Present were R. Tilton, E. Tilton, Matthews, Ransom, also Chairman Keller and Clerk Atwood. The Commissioners were present. Questions were asked concerning the comparative statement for the first four months of 1952 and there was a general discussion of all in detail. Care and Supplies of the Court House was explained. Walter Woodward reported on the bids for laundry equipment for the county home. A. W. Sewell was reported to have the low bid. No bid has yet been accepted.

Commissioner Joseph Smith stated that they had offers of $1,800.00 for certain lots less the real estate commission. No action was taken on this because of the vote taken December 11 by the delegation

It was decided to have the delegation meeting on July 28 at 2 p.m

Voted to thank Representative Keller for the ice cream which he served the members

Voted to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

Approved by
ROBERT P. TILTON
Chairman of Exec. Comm.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

GILFORD, N. H.—JULY 28 1952

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tilton at 1:10 in the hall of the Recreation Area building. Present were Representatives R. Tilton, E. Tilton, Simoneau, Ransom, Chairman Keller and Clerk Atwood. The three Commissioners and Manager Fritzie Baer were present as was Mr. Anderson from the Manchester Union.

Chairman Tilton distributed comparative statements for the first six months financial business of the county and these were studied.

The chairman of the delegation, Otto Keller, presented a matter referred to him by the Commissioners. Superintendent and Mrs. John Pickard have received an offer of $5,000 from another county. They are receiving $3,700 at present and requested a raise of $500 if they were to remain in Belknap County. Inquiries by the commissioners revealed the fact that only Grafton County paid less than $4,200 at the present time for similar work.

It was moved by Representative E. Tilton and duly seconded that the executive committee recommend to the delegation for their action that the combined salaries of the superintendent and matron be increased to $4,200 yearly, the raise to be retroactive to July 1. It was so voted.

Other budget items were discussed with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A meeting of the delegation was called to order by Chairman Otto Keller directly after the close of the foregoing session. Present were Representatives Keller, Atwood, Weeks, Osborne, McAllister, Thompson, Ransom, Hart, Simoneau, E. Tilton, R. Tilton, O'Shan, Smith, Metcalf and Brown.

Chairman Keller called on Representative R. Tilton to explain the comparative statement which he did in a comprehensive manner. He explained the action taken by the executive committee in regard to the Superintendent and Matron of the County Home and stated that the revenue from the farm would exceed the amount estimated by enough to cover the proposed raise. It was moved by Representative O'Shan and duly seconded that the action of the executive committee be approved and

that the Commissioners be authorized to raise the salaries of the Pickards from $3,700 to $4,200 yearly, with the raise retroactive to July 1. It was so voted.

The Commissioners stated that all departments would be within the budget amounts with the possible exception of the Superior Court.

It was reported that the $1,000 allocated for Court House repairs had been spent with good results and all offices were renovated now except the Registrars', the County Clerk's and the lawyers' upper office and hall. Representative R. Tilton had asked the Commissioners to estimate the cost of finishing this work which is badly needed. Commissioner Woodward gave the figure of $468, if the same labor could be used for the remainder of the work. The desirability of this decorating was recognized but it was voted to defer it to next year's budget.

The laundry at the County Home is not yet installed.

The grading on Phelps Slope at the Area recommended by the Soil Conservation Service is in progress of construction.

Mr. Norman Weeks had written the Commissioners that his client, Mr. Tuxford, would give $4,500 for three lots of shore property, either lots 14-16 or 24-26 with the stipulation that Lake Shore Drive be completed to lots 24-26. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Representative Thompson and duly seconded that the delegation reaffirm its vote of December 11, 1951. It was so voted.

Commissioner Smith reported that Downing and Jones were unwilling to pay the surveying charge for the straightening of the lines between their property and the county land. The vote taken in regard to this on December 11 was read. It was moved by Representative Hart and duly seconded that the Commissioners be authorized to pay no more than $30 as the county's share of the surveying. It was so voted.

Representative Thompson asked for information about the artesian well and this matter was discussed and questions answered by Manager Baer.

Manager Baer was called on and reported on business at the Area. He predicted that a good December would bring the revenue to $100,000. If no snow came in December, it would be $90,000. He reported on promotional features and read sev-

eral letters of commendation from Tilton Rotary Club, King Syndicate and others. At the conclusion of his report he was given a vote of thanks.

Chairman Keller thanked all the members for their cooperation and stated that another meeting might be called following the last quarterly session of the Executive Committee.

Voted to adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

A true copy attest:
MARION H. ATWOOD

LACONIA, N. H.—SEPTEMBER 23, 1952

At the request of the County Commissioners, an Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Court House by Chairman Robert Tilton. Present were Representatives R. Tilton, E. Tilton, Matthews, Simoneau, Chairman of the delegation Otto Keller, and Clerk Marion Atwood. Also present were County Solicitor W. W. Keller and the three County Commissioners.

The Commissioners explained that the meeting was called to see if the Executive Committee would call a delegation meeting to consider action in regard to the sale of house lots on the county property. In addition to the Tuxford offer, the Byse Agency had received deposits of $1,500 on 14 lots, with an option on some unsurveyed land, but Mr. Flanders of the Agency reported that his clients felt that the county should provide a road to the property. Mr. O'Mara of the Laconia Public Works Dept., had been consulted and had estimated that it would cost between $4 and $5 a foot to grade the road to the extent that it could be taken over by the city.

Discussion ensued and questions were asked. In reply to a question, County Solicitor Keller stated that if the buyers will take the lots "as is" the Commissioners have the authority to sell, otherwise the delegation must be called to consider any proposition such as building a road to the lots.

Mr. Haven Flanders and Mr. Willard Martin were called in and presented their case substantially as given by the Commissioners. Mr. Flanders added that the Plan of Lots in the county office showed a road, therefore his clients were justified in expecting one. He spoke of the added revenue which Laconia

and the county would receive if the county developed this property. He was asked questions about water supply, etc. Mr. Martin and Mr. Flanders left the meeting.

The ensuing discussion brought up much of the information which Chairman Keller secured last year and which convinced the members that the county should not go into the land development business.

It was moved by Representative Matthews and duly seconded that: It is the understanding of the Executive Committee that the vote of the Delegation relative to the sale of couny land was that such land, or any part thereof, be sold as is; and that the County Commissioners be requested to notify any agency having taken a deposit on such land of this fact and the Executive Committee further recommends to the Commissioners that they offer the return of deposits to any depositor who requests it, and that if any purchaser still desires to purchase, that any deed given shall specify that the property is sold "as is" in such language as to the County Solicitor shall seem desirable.

It was so voted.

The question of Tardif and Gilbert's responsibility to finish the road they agreed to build in return for their lots came up for discussion.

It was moved by Representative E. Tilton and duly seconded that the Chairman of the Delegation and the Chairman of the Executive Committee investigate the agreement concerning the road that Tardif and Gilbert agreed to build. Commissioner Smith stated that there was such an agreement. It was so voted.

Manager Baer sent word that he would like to meet with the Executive Committee in November

It was voted to adjourn at 4:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
ROBERT P. TILTON
Chairman of the Exec. Comm.

LACONIA, N. H.—NOVEMBER 18, 1952

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Court House with Chairman Otto Keller presiding in the unavoidable absence of Representative R. Tilton, who was in court.

Present were Representatives Keller, Atwood, E. Tilton, Matthews and Simoneau. The three commissioners and Manager Baer attended

Budget figures were studied.

Commissioner Smith stated that the Area was running close to estimates. He did not think that the Farm would over run its appropriation but Commissioner Woodward thought it would.

Manager Baer could not keep within the limits voted, if the payroll was met, although extra revenue had been received and was available to meet expenses. He reported that profits from the extra motorcycle meet had been turned over to the Laconia Hospital, as advertised.

It was moved by Representative Matthews and seconded by Representative E. Tilton that the Commissioners be authorized to advance $1,500 to the manager of the Area to be used for the payroll only, this to be taken from the $10,000 made available after December 1, by vote of the delegation.

It was so voted

It was voted to adjourn at 3:20

MARION H. ATWOOD,
Clerk

Approved by
ROBERT P. TILTON
Chairman of Exec. Comm.

BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1952

Salaries of	
Commissioners	$3,600.00
Treasurer	300.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,500.00
Sheriff	1,300.00
Expenses of:	
County Officers	2,000.00
Register of Deeds	1,200.00
Register of Probate	1,100.00
Care and Supplies, Court House	6,000.00
Superior Court:	17,000.00
Public Welfare:	
County Home	65,000.00
Poor off Farm	10,000.00
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00
Board and Care of Children	14,000.00
Soldier's Aid	7,000.00
Relief Administration	4,000.00
Office Expense	2,500.00
Interest:	
Temporary Loans (Disc.)	962.50
Bonds	1,058.75
Service Charges	2.50
New Construction and Equipment:	
Court House (Repairs)	1,000.00
County Home (Laundry)	3,000.00
Indebtedness:	
Bonds	7,000.00
Temporary Loans	60,000.00
Deficit 1950	45,000.00
All Other Payments:	
Recreation Area	90,000.00
Extension Service	7,600.00
Retirement System	1,100.00
Delegation Expense	400.00
	$360,823.75
Estimated Revenue	202,300.55
Amount to be raised by Taxation	$158,523.20

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County present the annual report of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, Superintendent of County Home, and House of Correction, Manager Recreation Area, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Chaplain, Solicitor and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1952.

COUNTY COURT HOUSE

The Commissioners are quite pleased with the results of the repairs at the County Court House, more was accomplished than what was anticipated for the amount of money spent, the general appearance on entering is frequently commented on with the new fluorescent lighting, the face lifting job is complete in the Halls. This year we hope to be able to have an appropriation to make further improvements.

COUNTY HOME AND FARM

In reference to the report of the Superintendent and Matron of the County Home which is part of this report, the Commissioners are in accord with the progress and activities report given by Mr. and Mrs. Pickard who are doing a splendid job carrying on a well managed farm and a comfortable Home and Infirmary for the aged and ill under their care.

Throughout the year an unusually large number of persons have been in the Jail and House of Correction, also an increased number in population has resulted in an increased expense for food, clothing, and supplies at the prevailing high prices has caused the County Home to exceed the amounted budgeted by a small amount.

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Direct assistance has been the lowest for many years, all receipients who are able to work have obtained employment in preference to working out their assistance at the County Home. We have found this work program is a definite benefit not only to the taxpayer but to the relief persons themselves as many of them are now self supporting.

Boarded children continue to be a major expenditure; the minimum rate plus clothing, medical, etc., approximates a monthly expenditure of $1,000.00 to $1,500.00 per month. Collections

from relatives towards support of children was less than previous years, $3,180.00 was the amount reimbursed in 1952.

Every effort possible will be made to keep Welfare costs at a minimum having due understanding for the needs of each and every individual case in actual need of assistance and care.

BELKNAP RECREATION AREA

The Belknap Recreation Area has had a most successful year both from an operational standpoint as well as a financial one. The Area report as given by Manager Fritzie Baer included in this book gives the improvements and financial aspect for the year. We see no reason why the Area should be a taxpayer's burden under the able management of Fritzie Baer, we commend him for his enthusiasm in the promotion of the Area.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the Belknap County Delegation for their helpful suggestion and fine cooperation during the year. To all agencies who have assisted us in our duties serving the public of our county. To Doctor Hodgdon and all the doctors who have so well cared for our ill and aged people.

We are grateful to the Rev. F. W. Fitzpatric who has served so faithfully, also the Rev. George Chicoine and the Rev. DeWitt Fortier for their interest and comfort to the County Home family and others in our care.

To all County employees and to our office staff for their faithful performance of duty which has made this year the success it has been

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SMITH
WALTER A. WOODWARD
MAURICE W. SAWYER

*DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

July 17, 1952

Board of County Commissioners
Belknap County
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial audit and examination of the accounts of Belknap County has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in two sections as follows:

Section I —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950

Section II—Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the audit and examination were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court, Superintendent of the County Farm and Recreation Area.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1949—December 31, 1950 (Exhibit A)

December 31, 1950—December 31, 1951 (Exhibit L)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1949-1950 and December 31, 1950-1951, are presented in Exhibits A and L, respectively. As indicated therein, the Net Debt increased by $65,036.22 in 1950 and decreased by $53,312.73 in 1951.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit B)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit M)

Statements presenting an analysis of the factors which effected the change in financial condition of the County during

the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are included in Exhibits B and M, respectively.

In 1950, the Net Debt increased by $65,036.22. The factors which caused this were as follows:

INCREASES IN NET DEBT

Net Budget Deficit	$73,696.58	
1949 Cash Balance Used to Reduce 1950 County Tax	5,298.05	
		$78,994.63

DECREASES IN NET DEBT

Increase in Accounts Receivable	$ 95.63	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	160.83	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
1949 Budget Deficit Raised in 1950	6,701.95	
		13,958.41
Net Increase		$65,036.22

In 1951, the decrease in Net Debt of $53,312.73, was brought about as follows:

DECREASES IN NET DEBT

Net Budget Surplus	$11,913.03	
Part of 1950 Deficit Raised in 1951	45,000.00	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
Increase in Petty Cash Fund	300.00	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	356.49	
Excess Collection of County Tax	.01	
		$64,569.53

INCREASES IN NET DEBT

1950 Cash Balance Used to Reduce 1951 County Tax	$5,005.36	
Account Receivable from Capital Reserve Fund in 1950 Used as Estimated Revenue in 1951 Budget	6,000.00	
Increase in Accounts Payable	251.44	
		11,256.80
Net Decrease		$53,312.73

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibits C & D)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibits N & O)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1950, a net overdraft of appropriations of $44,774.77, plus a net revenue deficit of $28,921.81, resulted in a net budget deficit of $73,696.58.

In 1951, a net revenue surplus of $20,923.19, less a net overdraft of appropriations of $9,010.16, resulted in a net budget surplus of $11,913.03.

Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit E)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit P)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibits E and P, respectively.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1951, is shown in Exhibit Q.

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Belknap County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices, vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were

checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1950 and 1951 are presented in Exhibits I and T, respectively.

RECREATION AREA

Statements of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit J)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit U)

Statements of the receipts and expenditures of the Belknap County Recreation Area, for the years 1950 and 1951, are included in Exhibits J and U. These are summarized as follows:

	1950	1951
Total Receipts	$52,142.15	$75,226.07
Total Expenditures	$105,159.22	$80,013.67

It is noted that while the Area receipts increased by $23,083.92 in 1951, the expenditures decreased by $25,145.55.

Area Budget Summaries:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1950 (Exhibit J-1)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1951 (Exhibit U-1)

Recreation Area Budget Summaries for 1950 and 1951 are contained in Exhibits J-1 and U-1. As indicated therein, an appropriation overdraft of $25,159.22, plus a revenue deficit of $27,857.85, resulted in a net budget deficit of $53,017.07 in 1950.

In 1951, an appropriation overdraft of $20,013.67, was partly offset by a revenue surplus of $15,226.07, which reduced the net budget deficit to $4,787.60.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Competitive Bidding:

Section 8 of Chapter 47, of the Revised Laws, as amended by Chapter 165 of the Laws of 1949, provides that

"Any purchase of equipment or materials made by a

> county in an amount exceeding three hundred dollars shall be by competitive bidding, provided that the county commissioners by unanimous vote may waive the provisions for such bidding.

Under date of May 19, 1942, the then Attorney General Frank R. Kenison, in reply to an inquiry from this office gave the following opinion relative to this law:

> "xxx The statute does not define competitive bidding but it has been interpreted generally to mean a bona fide attempt to obtain offers or bids from several sources in order that the county may benefit by the lowest price. Since the statute does not determine the manner of ascertaining these offers and bids, it rests with the sound discretion of the County Commissioners as to whether the bids will be in writing and the form which they will take. In cases where competitive bidding cannot fulfill its purpose, it may be waived by unanimous vote of the County Commissioners duly recorded in their offices, together with a statement of the reasons therefor, which are open to public inspection at all reasonable hours."

We did not find that bids in writing were always requested or submitted in connection with the purchases of materials and supplies by the County during the years 1950 and 1951. We were advised that the common practise has been to phone or write for prices.

We believe, however, that in accordance with the interpretation of the law, as quoted herein, in the case of purchases exceeding $300.00 in amount where competitive bids have not been obtained, it is the duty of the County Commissioners to keep a record of waivers indicating in each case the reason why bidding was waived.

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of the county officials were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure, with exceptions as herein noted, conformed to prescribed methods and procedure.

In conformance with Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the

County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

The appreciation and thanks of the members of this Division is hereby expressed to the officials of Belknap County and the office staff for the assistance rendered during the course of the audit

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler
Director

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor
John T. Flanders, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

July 17, 1952

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Belknap County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court, Superintendent of the County Farm and Recreation Area for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951. In our opinion the accompanying Exhibits fairly present the financial condition of Belknap County and the results of operations for the periods under review

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler
Director

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on hand	$19,821.83
Capital Reserve	26,289.33
Recreation Area, petty cash account	500.00
County Home, petty cash account	200.00
Total Assets	$46,811.16

Liabilities

Laconia National Bank, payroll deductions for December 1952	$ 330.20
Employees' Retirement System, deductions for fourth quarter	307.07
Employees' Retirement System, County share 7/1-12/31/52	746.37
Capital Reserve	26,289.33
Temporary Loans Outstanding:	
Laconia National Bank, Note No. 257 due January 20, 1953	20,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
Belknap County Refunding, 2¾%	35,000.00
Total Liabilities	$82,672.97
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net debt)	35,861.81
Net Debt, December 31, 1951	73,227.86
Net Debt, December 31, 1952	35,861.81
Decrease of Debt	$37,366.05

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT OF BELKNAP COUNTY

DECEMBER 31, 1952

SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

REFUNDING
1937
2¾%

1953	$7,000.00
1954	7,000.00
1955	7,000.00
1956	7,000.00
1957	7,000.00
	$35,000.00

PAYABLE AT THE NATIONAL SHAWMUT BANK
40 WATER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	Value:
Land and buildings:	
(a) Court House	$ 50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Home	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area	16,000.00
Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	10,500.00
(b) Jail	1,000.00
(c) County Home	21,175.00
As of December 31, 1951	$164,675.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES TO DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Budget	Payment (Gross)	Unexp-ended	Over-draft	Revenue
Salaries of:					
Commissioners	$3,600.00	$3,516.05	$83.95		
Treasurer	300.00	300.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
Solicitor	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Sheriff	1,300.00	1,300.00			
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,000.00	1,815.40	184.60		
Register of Deeds	1,200.00	1,179.42	20.58		
Register of Probate	1,100.00	1,098.55	1.45		
Care and Supplies, Court House	6,000.00	5,577.94	422.06		$2,355.21
Superior Court	17,000.00	21,569.85		$4,569.85	
Public Welfare:					
County Home	65,000.00	69,421.22		4,421.22	23,657.68
Poor off Farm	10,000.00	7,436.92	2,563.08		1,422.90
Old Age Assistance	7,000.00	6,190.56	809.44		
Care of Children	14,000.00	13,247.99	752.01		3,194.70
Soldier's Aid	7,000.00	5,176.06	1,823.94		370.00

Relief Administration	4,000.00	4,012.03		12.03	
Office Expense	2,500.00	2,363.78	135.22		
Interest:					
Temporary Loans (disc.)	962.50		962.50		
Bonds	1,058.75	1,058.75			
Service Charges	2.50	.45	2.05		
New Construction and Equipment:					
Court House	1,000.00	1,002.67		2.67	
County Home	3,000.00	1,964.91	1,035.09		
Indebtedness:					
Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00			
Temporary Loans	60,000.00	60,000.00			59,037.50
Deficit 1950	45,000.00	45,000.00			11,913.05
					(Bal. 1/1/52)
All Other Payments:					
Recreation Area	90,000.00	89,955.86	44.14		100,266.19
Extension Service	7,600.00	7,600.00			
Retirement System	1,100.00	1,103.29		3.29	
Delegation Expense	400.00	300.90	99.10		
	$360,823.75	$360,893.60	$8,939.21	$9,009.06	$202,217.23
		— 69.85		8,939.21	
		$360,823.75	Net Overdraft	$69.85	
		Note No. 257			19,975.00
					$222,192.23

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
*Taxes from Towns	$158,523.21
Income from Institutions:	
County Home	23,657.68
Reimbursement for Support of Poor:	
From State of New Hampshire	250.60
From Treasurer of U. S.	246.00
From Cities and Towns	1,421.50
Personal Refunds	3,069.50
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	79,012.50
All Other Receipts:	
Recreation Area	100,266.19
a/c Shore Lots Expense	1,348.43
a/c Flood Control Payments	101.40
Treas. of U. S. Office Rent	2,349.96
Miscellaneous	5.25
Total Receipts from all Sources	$370,252.22
Cash on Hand January 1, 1953	11,913.05
Grand Total	$382,165.27

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
1. Salaries of:	
(a) Commissioners	$3,516.05
(b) Treasurer	300.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	1,500.00
(e) Sheriff	1,300.00

*1c overpaid by Town of Belmont, refund made

2. Expenses of:	
(a) County Officers	1,815.40
(b) Register of Deeds	1,179.42
(c) Register of Probate	1,098.55
3. Care and Supplies, Court House	5,577.94
Superior Court:	
4. Jury Payrolls	2,232.36
5. "State vs" — Payrolls	3,024.52
6. Referees and Masters	142.50
7. Counsel Fees	212.61
8. Stenographer, etc.	2,822.06
9. Clerk of Court	6,483.28
10. Sheriff and Deputies	6,652.52
Public Welfare:	
11. County Home Expenditures	68,062.29
12. Jail Expenditures	1,358.93
13. Support of Poor not on Farm	7,436.92
14. Old Age Assistance	6,190.56
15. Board and Care of Children	13,247.99
16. Aid to Soldiers	5,176.06
17. Welfare Administration	4,012.03
18. Office Expense	2,364.78
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$145,906.77
Interest:	
19. Paid on Bonded Debt (including postage)	$1,059.20
Total Interest Payments	$1,059.20
Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:	
20. Court House	$1,002.67
21. County Home, laundry	1,964.91
Total Outlay Payments	$2,967.58
Indebtedness:	
22. Payment on Temporary Loans	$10,500.00
23. Payment on Principal of Bonds	7,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments	$112,000.00

All Other Payments:

24.	Extension Service	$7,600.00
25.	Recreation Area	89,955.86
26.	Employees' Retirement, Co. Share	1,103.29
27.	Delegation Expense	300.90
28.	Plans and Commissions, Shore Lots	1,348.43
29.	Flood Control Payments	101.40
30.	Tax Refund, Town of Belmont	.01
	Total Payments for all Purposes	$362,343.44
	Cash on hand December 31, 1952	19,821.83
	Grand Total	$382,165.27

RECEIPTS

COUNTY TAXES

Alton	$12,112.76
Barnstead	4,013.81
*Belmont	5,711.60
Center Harbor	3,330.57
Gilford	11,477.08
Gilmanton	4,083.56
Laconia	78,877.97
Meredith	16,511.78
New Hampton	5,928.77
Sanbornton	4,406.94
Tilton	12,068.37
Total	$158,523.21

INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home, Jail and House of Correction	$23,657.68

REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPORT OF POOR

City of Rochester, reimbursement	$1,103.50
Town of Bridgewater, reimbursement	318.00
Redeposit, Check No. 9935	1.40
Total	$1,422.90

*Overpayment of 1c, refund made.

REIMBURSEMENT ON SOLDIERS' AID

Treasurer of U. S., reimbursement	$10.00
Personal refunds	360.00
Total	$370.00

REIMBURSEMENT ON DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Dept. of Public Welfare, reimbursement	$250.60
Treasurer of U. S., reimbursement	236.00
Redeposit Check No. 9935	12.10
Personal refunds	2,696.00
Total	$3,194.70

RECREATION AREA OPERATING REVENUE

Tows	$41,616.96
Restaurant	29,590.96
Dance Hall—net	4,228.17
Dance Hall—tax	877.18
Gift Shop—net	3,809.72
Gift Shop—tax	1.14
Ski Shop	13,085.34
Rentals	321.60
Special Events	4,832.88
Miscellaneous	1,902.24
Total	$100,266.19

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE
TEMPORARY LOANS

Date issued:	Payable:	
January 18, 1952	December 18, 1952	
People's National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 256, $60,000.00, Discount $962.50, 1.75%		$59,037.50
December 20, 1952	January 20, 1953	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 257, $20,000.00 Discount, $25.00, 1.5%		$19,975.00

ALL OTHER RECEIPTS

Treasurer of U. S., office rent, cr., Court House	$2,349.96
Shore Lots, commissions and plans (From Capital Reserve)	1,348.43
Treasurer of N. H., a/c flood control payments	101.40
Miscellaneous, cr., Court House	5.25
Total	$3,805.04

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSE
SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	$1,200.00
Walter A. Woodward	1,200.00
Norman Hubbard, Jan. 1-Apr. 30, 1952	316.05
Maurice W. Sawyer, May 1-Dec. 31, 1952	800.00
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	300.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
J. Clinton Roper	100.00
Solicitor:	
William W. Keller	1,500.00
Sheriff:	
Homer L. Crockett	1,300.00
Total	$6,816.05

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Maurice W. Sawyer, travel and expense	$90.46
Joseph F. Smith	82.48
Walter A. Woodward	50.96
Citizen Publishing Co., advs. for County Reports	11.76
Helen A. Corriveau, typing Co. Reports	7.00
A. P. Gerry, deputy sheriff bond	12.66
G. U. Horne Agency, Treasurer's bond	96.24
Howell Business Service, 1,000 Co. Reports	574.20
Kiplinger Agency, subscription	18.00
E. L. Lydiard, letter heads (Sheriff's Office)	8.25

H. A. Manning Co., directory	18.00
Melcher & Prescott Agency, Deputy Register of Probate bond	12.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	358.06
State Tax Commission, biennial audit	462.33
F. A. Tilton, bond for Register of Probate	12.50
Total	$1,815.40

COURT HOUSE EXPENSE

Atlas Products Co., supplies	$6.22
C. C. Bickford, sharpening lawnmower	4.00
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	120.19
Byse Agency, liability insurance	98.87
G. S. Copp, janitor	2,333.14
Curley & Spears, plowing	52.00
Duro Test Corporation, supplies	58.30
P. Dutile Co., stoker coal	1,355.83
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance	608.35
J. M. Guay Hardware Co., supplies	30.15
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	26.51
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	61.57
Laconia Water Co., service	36.30
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., supplies	1.50
MacKay's Cabinet Shop, repairs	8.10
Midland Laboratories, supplies	9.10
Munsey & Brazil Inc., liability insurance	89.60
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., repairs	1.96
Page & Wheeler Inc., supplies	1.61
Public Service Co., lights	420.94
Retirement System, deductions	148.52
R. F. Shelley, sewer tax	18.11
L. R. Weeks, trucking	56.00
Whittemore's Vigoro	15.75
Woodward's, welding and supplies	15.32
Total	$5,577.94

REGISTER OF DEEDS

R. A. Foss, printing	$48.00
Carl Larson, supplies	144.43
E. L. Lydiard, printing	240.25
Maher's Bookstore, typewriter repairs, etc.	10.39
H. A. Manning Co., directory	18.00
Meredith Press Corp., printing	113.35

L. E. Muran Co., supplies	13.75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	180.90
Robert's Express, express charges	2.20
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., record books	401.40
Roger's Store, supplies	6.25
State of N. H. wall map	.50
Total	$1,179.42

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Harold Aiken, stamps	$18.00
Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	10.00
E. L. Lydiard, printing	280.25
H. A. Manning Co., directory	18.00
G. L. Morin, P. M., stamps	105.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	221.68
C. C. Rogers Co., typewriter and supplies	445.62
Total	$1,098.55

SUPERIOR COURT
JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury, March term	$1,130.28
Petit Jury, October term	945.84
Grand Jury, October term	156.24
Total	$2,232.36

"STATE VS" — PAYROLLS

State vs Calef	$537.60
State vs Flanders and Ouelette	200.00
State vs Carrett, Pike and Smith	275.00
State vs Pike	200.00
State vs Lewis	250.00
State vs Miscellaneous	1,786.92
Total	$3,024.52

COUNSEL FEES

H. E. O'Neil, counsel fees	$187.61
F. E. Tilton, counsel fees	25.00
H. E. Trapp, master's fees	142.50
Total	$355.11

STENOGRAPHER'S, ETC.

Martha A. Forsberg, stenographer's fees	$199.25
P. A. Sheehan, stenographer's fees	502.60
American Law Book Co., law books	15.00
B. B. Davis, annotations	7.00
Boston Law Book Co., law books	86.00
Lawyer's Co-Operative Printing Co., law books	103.10
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	15.00
Geo. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
State Treasurer, stenographer's salaries	1,858.61
Wright & Potter Print. Co., Mass. Reports	10.50
Total	$2,822.06

CLERK OF COURT

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	$677.80
Cole Printing Co., printing	36.94
Carl Larson, supplies	24.76
R. H. Llewllyn Co., supplies	49.80
E. L. Lydiard, printing	92.00
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	3.00
H. A. Manning Co., directory	18.00
G. L. Morin, P. M., postage	91.82
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	322.21
A. H. Nighswander, clerk's bond	25.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	63.45
H. E. Trapp, clerks' account	5,041.20
Tuttle Stationery Co., printing	37.30
Total	$6,483.28

SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES

C. C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	$818.05
H. L. Crockett, sheriff's fees	3,418.90
R. S. Crockett, sheriff's fees	568.95
Phyllis Crowley, sheriff's fees	90.90
G. H. Gault, sheriff's fees	225.00
S. J. Morin, sheriff's fees	1,241.27
Maher's Bookstore, typewriter repair	9.75
H. A. Manning Co., directory	18.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	261.70
Total	$6,652.52

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by County Treasurer January 1, to December 31, 1952	$69,421.22

PUBLIC WELFARE

	Poor off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Alton	$471.11	$599.74
Barnstead		
Belmont	1,678.80	1,256.44
Center Harbor		
Gilford		
Gilmanton	44.35	
Laconia	4,409.27	3,280.28
Meredith	79.94	5.23
New Hampton		
Sanbornton	25.00	
Tilton	728.45	34.27
Total	$7,436.92	$5,176.06

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

County Payments	$6,190.56

BOARD AND CARE OF CHILDREN

County Payments	$13,247.98

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Bookkeeper, one third salary	$778.82
Investigator, salary	2,046.47
Investigator, expense and travel	528.59
Laconia National Bank, checks	20.35
Laconia National Bank, payroll deductions	386.00
E. L. Lydiard, relief forms	57.50
G. L. Morin, P. M., stamps	39.00
Retirement System, deductions	155.30
Total	$4,012.03

OFFICE EXPENSE

Bookkeeper, two-third salary	$1,563.25
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., service	16.40
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	.75
Laconia National Bank, payroll deductions	307.00
Laconia National Bank, checks	40.70
E. L. Lydiard, supplies	15.00
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	3.41
A. E. Martell Co., ledger sheets	27.69
G. L. Morin, P. M., envelopes and stamps	78.00
Retirement System, deductions	197.38
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	115.20
Total	$2,364.78

INTEREST

Paid on Bonded Debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass. issue of 3/15/37	$1,058.75
Postage	.45
Total	$1,059.20

INDEBTEDNESS

Paid on Temporary Loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 255	$45,000.00
People's National Bank, Laconia, N. H. Note No. 256	60,000.00
Total	$105,000.00

ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Recreation Area Operating Expense:	
Tows	$7,662.03
Restaurant	20,395.25
Dance Hall—net	3,376.83
Dance Hall—tax	1,042.68
Gift Shop	2,990.67
Ski Shop	9,708.30
General Operating Expense	6,590.97

General Maintenance Expense	15,801.09
Construction and Repairs	3,052.85
Promotion and Travel	724.95
Office Expense	3,166.46
Manager Salary	6,415.10
Special Events	3,520.88
Advertising	3,845.00
Equipment	1,662.80
Total	$89,955.86

Delegation Expense:

A. H. McAllister, mileage and attendance	$16.00
J. L. Boutin	4.20
Mrs. L. D. Weeks	11.40
R. Osborne	12.00
M. B. Hart	12.60
A. W. Simoneau	19.20
E. S. Tilton	22.40
R. P. Tilton	19.20
O. G. Keller, Chairman	22.40
T. M. Thompson	9.60
J. F. Brown	6.80
H. U. Ransom	27.00
J. F. Smith	16.20
A. H. Mathews	33.60
M. H. Atwood, Clerk	28.00
W. E. Metcalf	15.00
D. O'Shan	3.20
Citizen Publishing Co., budget advs.	22.10
Total	$300.90

Flood Control Payments:

Paid Town of New Hampton	$44.85
Paid Town of Sanbornton	56.55
Total	$101.40

Paid a/c Sale of Shore Lots:

L. K. Perley, plans and surveys	$85.58
Belknap Agency, commissions	720.00
Byse Agency, commissions	360.00
Noel Laurent, commissions	180.00
Charles P. Raymond, two deeds	2.85
Total	$1,348.43

Paid to Capital Reserve, from sale of shore lots:	
February 26, paid B. O. Parker, Treas.	$850.00
December 10, paid B. O. Parker, Treas.	9,634.42
December 22, paid B. O. Parker, Treas.	6,217.15
Total	$16,701.57
Extension Service, Appropriation	$7,600.00
Retirement System, County Share	$1,103.29
Tax Refunds:	
Town of Belmont, overpayment	$ .01

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

County Home—Laundry:	
American Laundry Machine Co., equipment	$1,443.00
S. F. Baker, labor and material	5.06
C. A. Gove Inc., labor and material	368.90
Sanel Auto Parts Inc., equipment	147.95
Total	$1,964.91
Court House Repairs:	
Boulia Gorrell Lumber Co., pulp plaster	$1.47
Citizen Publishing Co., advs. for bids	4.90
W. D. Huse & Co., paint	86.65
Frank Joyce, painting	367.00
A. J. Landry, labor and material	49.65
Philip Morin, water cooler	198.00
Roid Roofing Co., repairs	175.00
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	120.00
Total	$1,002.67

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ending December 31, 1952.

RECEIPTS

Commissioner's balance Jan. 1, 1952	$5,101.55
Recreation Area balance Jan. 1, 1952	6,811.50
*Taxes of Towns	158,523.21
Income from Institutions	23,657.68
Reimbursement, Support of Poor	1,792.90
Reimbursement, Care of Children	3,194.70
Receipts from Recreation Area	100,266.19
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	79,012.50
Office Rent, cr. Court House	2,349.96
Receipts a/c Shore Lot payments	1,348.43
Receipts a/c Flood Control	101.40
All Other	5.25
Total	$382,165.27

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	$228,326.05
Funding Bonds Paid	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,059.20
Paid on Temporary Loans	105,000.00
Paid by order of Court:	
Jury Payrolls	2,232.36
State vs-Payrolls	3,024.52
Counsel Fees	355.11
Stenographer etc.	2,822.06
Clerk of Court	6,161.07
Sheriff and Deputies	6,363.07
Total Payments	$362,343.44
Cash on Hand December 31, 1952	19,821.83
Total	$382,165.27

Respectfully submitted,
Byron O. Parker,
Treasurer, Belknap County.

*Overpayment of 1c, refund made

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1953
BELKNAP COUNTY

Name of Bank		Balance 1952	Deposits		Interest		Balance 1953
Iona Savings Bank	2%	$2,362.03			6-1-52	$29.53	
					12-1-52	29.89	$2,421.45
Lakeport National Bank	2%	2,371.56			4-1-42	23.71	
					10-1-52	23.95	2,419.22
Laconia Savings Bank	3%	2,325.51			7-1-52	34.88	
					1-1-53	35.40	2,395.79
City Savings Bank	2½%	2,276.25	*2-26-52	$850.00	7-1-52	35.54	
			*12-10-52	9,634.42	1-1-53	39.51	
			*12-22-52	6,217.15			19,052.87
Total in Banks							$26,289.33

*Proceeds from Sale of Lots By County Commissioners

Very truly yours,

BYRON O. PARKER, Treasurer
County of Belknap

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952—Belknap County

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand—January 1, 1952	$11,913.05	
Receipts—Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952	370,252.22	
	$382,165.27	
Payments—Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952	362,343.44	
Balance—Dec. 31, 1952—As Per Cash Book		$19,821.83
Balance in Laconia National Bank As Per Statement of Dec. 31, 1952	$25,566.99	
Less Outstanding Orders	5,745.16	
Reconciled Bank Balance—As of Dec. 31, 1952		$19,821.83

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution—Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952	$23,657.68	
Total Remittances to County Treasurer —Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952	$23,657.68	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand—January 1, 1952	$200.00	
Belknap Area Mgr. Balance on Hand —January 1, 1952		$500.00
Superintendent's Balance on Hand—Dec. 31, 1952	$200.00	
Belknap Area Mgr. Balance on Hand —December 31, 1952		$500.00

Indebtedness—December 31, 1952

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	$20,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Notes	None
Outstanding Bonds	$35,000.00
Bills Owed by County	None

County Taxes Uncollected—December 31, 1952

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None

Signed DANA S. BEANE,
J. CLINTON ROPER,
County Auditors.

January 26, 1953

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1952 for the Belknap County Home and Infirmary.

During the year 1952 several changes and improvements have been made resulting we trust, in more efficient operation of the County Home and facilities.

In compliance with a request from the State our Infirmary was moved downstairs and remodeled throughout, a new Drug and Examining Room being added a Sterilizer and various other equipment purchased, we hope to be able to complete the necessary equipment during the year 1953 in order to care for the many Town, City and private cases which come to our Infirmary for care.

Other improvements made during the year were the remodeling of the upstairs or helps' kitchen with complete sanitary cabinets and inlaid linoleum, the downstairs or Inmates kitchen was also remodeled with new flooring, ceilings and walls, a new Fryalator and Griddle was purchased. The Assembly Hall was redecorated. New Laundry equipment was purchased, a 25 lb. washer and a 20 lb. Extractor was added to the equipment now in use, the laundry was remodeled new walls, ceilings and flooring with a complete paint job. The Home building as well as the farm buildings have been painted throughout, all of the above improvements have been made with the only cost being for material.

The roads and sidewalks have been resurfaced. The Home and farm building are in good condition and with some minor repairs from time to time, should stand up well for sometime to come.

We have been happy to cooperate with all agencies who have called upon us to assist them with their programs.

Again we extend a cordial invitation to everyone to visit the Belknap County Home and our remodeled Infirmary and learn what we are doing for people in our care.

To the many friends who have helped by bringing cheer to our County Home family we wish to express our gratitude; The Wyatt Park Club, The Garden Club, The W.C.T.U., The Girl Scouts, The Nurses Choral Group of the Laconia Hospital under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Flower, The Dramatic

Group under the direction of Miss Marie Forsberg who presented the amusing play "The Elephant who ran away" and the Choral Group under the direction of Mr. Bernard Williams both groups from Laconia High School. To our County Chaplain Rev. F. W. Fitzpatric for his faithful services over the years, to the Rev. George Chicoine and Rev. DeWitt Fortier for their deep interest and comfort to our aged and sick and to all persons in distress who have been under our care. To Dr. Hodgdon and to all of the Doctors who have responded graciously and promptly for our ill persons. To the above mentioned and all other individuals and group who have so well remembered our aged people with gifts of fruit, flowers, candy, books and ice cream and other gifts, our sincere appreciation to each and everyone.

In conclusion we would like to express our appreciation to the County Commissioners and their staff, City and Town officials, to the County Delegation for the help and advice in our problems. To the members of our staff who have so faithfully carried out their work during the year, we are truly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

INA A. PICKARD, Matron
JOHN A. PICKARD, Superintendent

COUNTY FARM RECEIPTS

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Miscellaneous	Total
January	$1,606.80	$55.60	$14.00	$383.75	$1,460.00		$3,520.15
February	878.55	99.20		401.72	55.40	$64.00	1,498.87
March	822.50	78.00	40.00	412.41	47.00		1,399.91
April	1,461.65	79.80		529.68	125.00		2,196.13
May	1,121.10	307.19	240.00	797.69		18.72	2,484.70
June	682.85	72.00	437.20	832.62			2,024.67
July	1,771.68	25.00	284.00	992.92	16.00	150.20	3,239.80
August	599.45		14.00	987.39		22.50	1,623.34
September	418.05			889.19	180.00		1,487.24
October	769.67	94.40		679.23	10.00	75.00	1,628.30
November	819.10	37.50		529.62	72.00		1,458.22
December	407.40	9.00	96.00	506.49		77.46	1,069.35
Totals	$11,358.80	$857.69	$1,125.20	$7,942.71	$1,965.40	$407.88	$23,657.68

COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES
SUMMARY

Date	Jail and House of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation and Maintenance	Totals
January	$114.00	$957.13	$457.81	$5,610.81	$7,139.75
February	114.00	455.41	530.59	4,100.30	5,200.30
March	114.00	992.83	659.59	3,686.50	5,452.92
April	114.00	681.48	509.06	4,303.48	5,608.02
May	114.00	992.72	780.25	4,631.27	6,518.24
June	78.30	887.68	526.17	2,761.51	4,253.66
July	24.00	274.18	821.96	5,232.40	6,352.54
August	126.63	1,064.67	440.30	3,470.44	5,102.04
September	140.00	1,064.11	550.59	3,590.26	5,344.96
October	140.00	649.94	552.57	6,593.68	7,936.19
November	140.00	648.97	438.90	3,912.63	5,140.50
December	140.00	581.51	630.17	4,020.42	5,372.10
Totals	$1,358.93	$9,250.63	$6,897.96	$51,913.70	$69,421.22

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
COUNTY FARM

Date	Labor	Provisions	Clothing	Supplies	Health	Addition & Repairs	Fuel, Light & Water, Power	Fixed Charges	Other Expense	Total
January	$927.28	$1,144.73	$146.90	$632.07	$255.08		$1,348.44	$1,013.91	$142.40	$5,610.81
February	950.88	520.21	91.99	624.71	231.25	$120.33	1,462.35		98.58	4,100.30
March	840.78	815.29	110.18	855.11	221.23	154.09	258.85	301.31	129.66	3,686.50
April	991.28	587.43	400.46	796.17	276.88	258.74	807.32	65.95	119.25	4,303.48
May	970.98	512.67	323.74	986.60	342.99	539.88	877.03		77.38	4,631.27
June	950.28	455.02	47.38	792.10	199.12	68.66	121.97	13.63	113.35	2,761.51
July	1,136.11	793.50	126.08	906.59	142.89	772.05	1,238.19		116.99	5,232.40
August	1,256.50	797.59	38.78	422.01	245.61	351.70	291.76		66.49	3,470.44
September	1,219.83	955.62	75.40	812.90	246.67	70.40	131.03		78.41	3,590.26
October	1,112.50	636.85	36.62	670.67	249.78	397.66	202.77	3,176.43	110.40	6,593.68
November	1,043.85	664.08	139.68	547.77	350.63	156.11	799.70		210.81	3,912.63
December	1,057.62	587.50	110.58	770.87	381.22	219.55	733.66		159.42	4,020.42
Totals	$12,457.89	$8,470.49	$1,647.79	$8,817.57	$3,143.35	$3,109.17	$8,273.07	$4,571.23	$1,423.14	$51,913.70

COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES

JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Date	Labor	Repairs	Total
January	$114.00		$114.00
February	114.00		114.00
March	114.00		114.00
April	114.00		114.00
May	114.00		114.00
June	53.30	$25.00	78.30
July	24.00		24.00
August	126.63		126.63
September	140.00		140.00
October	140.00		140.00
November	140.00		140.00
December	140.00		140.00
Totals	$1,333.93	$25.00	$1,358.93

FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed & Fertilizer	Supplies	Equip-ment	Other Expense	Total
January	$129.00	$367.32	$336.85		$123.96	$957.13
February	86.00		243.15		126.26	455.41
March	150.00	278.87	219.36	$295.00	49.60	992.83
April	195.00	77.02	388.01		21.45	681.48
May	203.00	443.86	230.52	75.00	40.34	992.72
June	180.00	5.74	372.48	50.00	279.46	887.69
July	150.00	99.13	19.60		5.45	274.18
August	260.20		651.55		152.92	1,064.67
September	263.80	340.38	271.27		188.66	1,064.11
October	246.50	53.12	264.82		85.50	649.94
November	233.00	14.24	239.81		161.92	648.97
December	252.00		306.38		23.13	581.51
Totals	$1,405.50	$1,679.68	$3,543.80	$420.00	$1,258.65	$9,250.63

DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Other Expense	Total
January	$80.00	$339.25	$3.57	$34.99	$457.81
February	80.00	350.84	6.75	93.00	530.59
March	80.00	495.13	26.51	57.95	659.59
April	80.00	366.39	.92	61.75	509.06
May	80.00	690.96		9.29	780.25
June	80.00	353.38	3.20	89.59	526.17
July	80.00	672.80	4.47	64.69	821.96
August	80.00	315.67	5.94	38.69	440.30
September	80.00	455.90		14.69	550.59
October	80.00	372.80	10.78	88.99	552.57
November	80.00	311.40	28.46	19.04	438.90
December	80.00	500.56	24.87	24.74	630.17
Totals	$960.00	$5,225.08	$115.47	$597.41	$6,897.96

INVENTORY — 1952

PERSONAL PROPERTY, BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Live Stock	$23,695.00
House of Correction	300.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
Women's and Men's Hospital Wards	2,600.00
Women's Wards (two floors)	2,400.00
Men's Wards (two floors)	2,400.00
Two kitchens, equipment and supplies	7,000.00
Supt. dept., stock, medicine and new clothing	3,500.00
Contents freezer locker (Water St.)	5,000.00
Basement and contents	3,700.00
Farm equipment, machinery and two trucks	7,200.00
Hay, ensilage, grain, etc.	10,000.00
Boiler room contents	2,500.00
Coal on hand	1,500.00
Sawed wood on hand	1,000.00
Lime and fertilizer	300.00
Lumber	600.00
Potatoes	1,500.00
Vegetables	1,000.00
Total	$77,395.00

LIVE STOCK AT FARM, 1952

37 Registered Ayrshire Cows	$15,000.00
10 Two Olds	2,100.00
9 Yearlings	1,500.00
4 Calves	800.00
1 Bull	800.00
4 Horses	600.00
5 Sheep	100.00
2 Boars	125.00
16 Brood Sows	1,600.00
35 Hens	70.00
Total	$23,695.00

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME CROP REPORT, 1952

Beans	30 bushels
Beets	60 bushels
Carrots	65 bushels
Corn	80 bushels
Cabbage	900 heads
Greens	70 bushels
Oats	900 bushels
Onions	50 bushels
Peas	50 bushels
Potatoes	1,000 bushels
Pumpkins	900 pounds
Squash	1,800 pounds
Tomatoes green and ripe	170 bushels
Turnips	75 bushels
Hay	220 tons
Straw	25 tons
Ensilage	160 tons
Beef dressed	2,500 pounds
Pork dressed	2,200 pounds
Poultry dressed	800 pounds
Lamb dressed	475 pounds
Cream used at home	750 quarts
Milk used at home	7,500 quarts
Wood used at home	100 cords
Wood sawed and piled	200 cords

STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

January 1 to December 31, 1952

Inmates at Home January 1, 1953	31
Admitted during year	29
	60
Inmates at Home December 31, 1952	31
Died during year	5
Discharged during year	24
	60

FARM COSTS

Total expenditures 1952	$69,421.22	
Inventory personal prop. Dec. 31, 1952	70,753.00	$140,174.22
Total Cash receipts 1952	$23,657.68	
Accounts receivable	2,598.80	
Supt. petty cash account	200.00	
Inventory Dec., 31, 1952	77,395.00	$103,851.48
Balance against the Farm		$36,322.74
Week's board furnished		1,814
Per capita cost per week not including boarders, employees and guests		$20.02

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1952

In Jail January 1, 1952	2
Admitted during year	16
	18
Discharged during year	15
In Jail December 31, 1952	3
	18
In House of Correction January 1, 1952	9
Admitted during year	58
	67
Discharged during year	55
In House of Correction December 31, 1952	12
	67

	Weeks	Days
Inmates	1,035	4
Boarders	509	4
Old Age Assistance Cases	71	5
Prisoners in House of Correction	716	3
Prisoners in Jail	129	1
Held for police Dept. overnight	6	5
Juveniles held for police	4	
Juveniles at Farm	36	4
Employees and visitors	1,232	5

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CASES AT BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY, 1952

Name	Age	Where from	Weeks	Days
Bickford, David	87	Gilmanton	8	6
Guy, Walter	65	Gilmanton	4	6
Higgins, Milo J.	80	Sanbornton	8	6
Lamprey, Ernest	66	Gilford	4	3
McIntire, Lillian	80	Laconia	22	3
Parent, Eugene	75	Laconia	10	3
Tasker, Arthur	73	Laconia	8	6

DEATHS AT COUNTY HOME DURING 1952

Name	Date	Age
Allsop, Elizabeth	May 23, 1952	77
Brecanier, Leon	June 4, 1952	79
Clifford, Calvin	January 30, 1952	62
Donlan, Patrick	October 28, 1952	83
Parent, Eugene	December 12, 1952	75

RECREATION AREA REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

It is gratifying to report to the Belknap County Commissioners that the year ending December 31, 1952 showed an income for the Belknap Recreation Area of $100,266.19, with an operating expense of $89,955.86, showing a net profit of $10,310.33.

During the past year a great many capital improvements have been made, such as the draining of the lower end of Phelps Slope which will now give us an additional three or four acres of picnic grounds in the summer and will eliminate the ice in winter. On the east side of the Recreation Building the four acre swamp was drained by straightening out the various brooks and with another year's work this will greatly improve our picnic area. At the present time part of this acreage is being used for additional parking facilities for the winter skiing group.

Additional fertilizing and seeding has been done on the various trails and slopes and they are now skiable on four to six inches of snow. The lower section of Try-Me from number five turn was bulldozed, smoothed, reseeded and fertilized and this has brought many favorable comments from the skiers.

For the family groups we have added many more picnic tables and additional fireplaces in order to take care of more families who are now utilizing the Belknap Recreation Area for recreation purposes. More picnic facilities will be available during the coming year and additional improvements will be made on the trails, with the largest project being the extension of Tiger Slope another 800 feet.

Attending a meeting in Chicago several weeks ago we were assured by the motorcycle organization that Laconia and the Million-Dollar Belknap Recreation Area would again be the scene of the 1953 National Championship Motorcycles Races and Gypsy Tour in the month of June.

The first attempt at bringing a national championship hill climb to the Area, which with the cooperation of the Laconia, Weirs Beach and Winnisquam Chambers of Commerce, and the hospital officials, turned over to the Laconia Hospital's new equipment fund a sum of over $3,500.00. We hope that this can

be turned into another annual convention which will bring additional revenue to this area at the end of the summer season.

We are very grateful to our Ski Advisory Board, headed by James Rogers, and the Belknap Mountain Ski Patrol, headed by John Gauthier, for their advice and cooperation in laying out our long range program.

We wish at this time to take the opportunity to express our thanks to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Delegation and the various communities for their support and guidance in our many problems at the Belknap Recreation Area. The 40 per cent increase during 1952 is the first step in our program of bringing more people to this community.

Respectfully submitted,

FRITZIE BAER, Director
Belknap Recreation Area

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
BELKNAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

ACCOUNT OF HARRY E. TRAPP, CLERK

January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

Charges Against County:

1	Fees Chargeable to County, Mittimus, Capias, etc.	$12.00	
	Commitments	5.00	
	Probation Certificates	14.00	
	Divorce Records	7.40	
	9 State Entries @ 30c	2.70	
	6 State Entries @ 90c	5.40	
2	Permanent Records	300.00	
3	Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	6,261.89	
	Total Charges		$6,608.39

Credits to County:

1	287 Entries @ 90c (Civils, Equities and Appeals)	$258.30	
2	Fines and Costs	805.00	
3	Sale of Dockets	72.00	
4	Sale of Court Rules	1.00	
5	Miscellaneous Credits to County	.....	
6	Fees Chargeable to County	46.50	
7	Clerk's Allowance and Clerical Hire Paid	5,425.59	
	Total Credits		$6,608.39

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

During 1952 ten men and one woman were prosecuted for felonies. Four of these cases were for sex crimes, three for grand larceny, one for breaking and entering, one for robbery, one for manslaughter, and one for arson. The manslaughter case, involving one Ralph Calef, originated in 1951, and was tried in 1952; the robbery case originated in 1950 and was disposed of in 1952; and the arson case originated in 1952 and is still pending.

The defendants in all of these cases pleaded guilty and were sentenced by the Court, except in the manslaughter case where the defendant pleaded not guilty, was tried, and found not guilty, and except in the arson case, which is still pending. Trial was started in a statutory rape case, and a view taken by the jury, after which the defendant changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced. The robbery case involved one of the participants in the liquor store robbery in Laconia in 1950, and was not disposed of until 1952 since the participant has been serving time in Maine and Massachusetts. Two of the grand larceny cases involved the boy and girl who "hitched" a ride in the minister's car at Gilford, and then had him drive them south, and then took his car.

In each of the four sex cases it was necessary, under the sexual psychopath law, to have an examination of the defendant by a board of doctors. These four defendants were found not to be sexual psychopaths. In another case an examination was had of the party involved and he was found to be a sexual psychopath, and was committed to the New Hampshire State Hospital; since he was found to be a sexual psychopath, he is not classified as a criminal.

I have enjoyed my six years as County Solicitor very much. There seems to have been, during the past six years, an unusual amount of criminal activity for Belknap County; we have had the Roberts case, the "Pepper" case, the "Liquor Store" case, and the Calef case, to mention a few of the outstanding ones. The sheriff's department, the local police departments and the State Police have all done excellent work; the cooperation of these various agencies has been efficient and harmonious.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. KELLER,
County Solicitor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1952

MARCH TERM

Homer Crockett 47 days attendance and expenses	$507.80
George Gault 3 days attendance and expenses	39.00
Chester Bickford 10 days attendance and expenses	125.80
Sylvio Morin 17 days attendance and expenses	191.00
Rev. Frederick Fitzpatrick clergyman	5.00

OCTOBER TERM

Homer Crockett 57 days attendance and expenses	$631.40
Chester Bickford 18 days attendance and expenses	237.60
George Gault 5 days attendance and expenses	77.00
Sylvio Morin 1 day attendance and expenses	11.65
Rodney Crockett 23 days attendance and expenses	310.00
Rev. Frederick Fitzpatrick clergyman	5.00
Meals for Jury Carl Chase Diner, Meredith	18.60

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. CROCKETT,
Sheriff.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

To the Belknap County Commissioners:

In preparing this my nineteenth annual report, as Chaplain of the Belknap County Home, I do so with a great sense of gratitude that it has been my privilege during all these years to have been associated with such a fine group of men and women who have had the interest of our County at heart, and have worked unceasingly for its best good. I wish to express my sincere thanks, and appreciation, to you as Commissioners for your fine cooperation and interest in what I have been endeavoring to do as Chaplain, and it would be quite impossible, to find words with which to thank Superintendent and Mrs. John Pickard for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Home and Inmates, and their fine spirit of understanding, in what I have endeavored to do for those in the Home, in the Jail and in the House of Correction, and it goes without saying, of course, that there have been many sad and difficult situations in this past year, and only those of us who are closely in touch with our institution can understand its needs.

During the year past we have been deeply indebted to the different groups who have come to our fine Home to bring cheer to those who are so greatly in need of it. The Women's Christian Temperance Union and other groups have brought much joy to the inmates by their good cheer and gifts. Notable among the events of the year when the Christmas observance was held was the entertainment put on by the High School entitled, "The Clown Who Ran Away", and also the lovely Carol Singing by a group of eighteen nurses from the Laconia Hospital who delighted all, with the singing of the lovely Carols under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Flower. During the year there has been an unusual amount of sickness and deaths which has deeply touched the heart of your Chaplain, because of his long association with some who have died. One of the sad things has been the large number of young men and young women who have been committed to the Institution for the crimes which they have committed against the State, and your Chaplain feels that in so many of these cases they are "more to be pitied than censored," and it reveals a woeful lack of religious training and understanding in the home life of our County. Your Chaplain feels that some very definite results for good have been obtained as

the result of his work and counsel with many of these young people.

With the sincere prayer that God's richest blessing may rest upon you as Commissioners and all those associated with the work of our Belknap County Home, I am,

Sincerely,

FREDERIC W. FITZPATRIC,
Chaplain.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

February 6, 1953

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit my report for 1952. The general health has been better than the average of past years.

No epidemic has been experienced; many have had colds, easily controlled when taken early, and in doing so I have had the cooperation of both Superintendent and Matron.

There were five deaths for 1952, same are listed in another report to you.

Every one has been faithful and worked hard to carry out the suggestions carried out through the past year.

In closing I wish to thank you all for assisting me to enjoy the pleasure of serving you.

E. P. HODGDON, M.D.

INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME, 1952

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Akerson, Rodney	74	Meredith	52	1
Aschroft, Lena	17	Franklin	1	4
Bowles, Elmer	40	New Hampton	10	6
Bickford, David	87	Gilmanton	43	1
Bennett, Ruth	61	Meredith	52	1
Cole, Eliza	65	Sanbornton	52	1
Clarke, Irelene	38	Meredith	52	1
Collard, Peter	81	Meredith	52	1
Chartier, A. J.	49	Laconia	1	7
Donlan, Patrick	83	Meredith	43	1
Faford, Joseph	65	Laconia	52	1
Farrar, Charles E.	72	Laconia	52	1
Fogg, Florence	53	Laconia	40	4
Guy, Walter	65	Gilmanton	43	1
Hill, Frances	21	Laconia		6
Hill, Forest	61	Laconia	37	1
Higgins, Milo J.	80	Sanbornton	48	
Johnson, Mabel	61	Meredith	52	1
Lamprey, Ernest	66	Gilford	47	5
Lovering, Grace	62	Gilford	52	1
McClary, Richard	7	Gilmanton	2	3
McClary, Horace	4	Gilmanton	2	3
McClary, Wayne	2	Gilmanton	2	3
Newman, Harry	65	Laconia	18	
Parent, Eugene	75	Laconia	41	4
Potvin, Homer	47	Laconia	4	6
Picard, Ernest	47	Laconia	1	
Racine, Emile	49	Laconia	5	2
St. Peter, Ada	59	Ashland	52	1
Tasker, Arthur	73	Laconia	43	2
Teriac, Camille	58	Tilton	52	1
Valois, Charles	58	Laconia	8	1
Valliere, Henry	56	Laconia	8	1
Woods, Betty	37	Laconia	5	2
Young, Walter	14	Laconia	1	

PAID BOARDERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME, 1952

Name	Age	Where From	Weeks	Days
Allsop, Elizabeth	77	Gilford	18	4
Baldwin, Hattie	38	Gilford	6	5
Brecanier, Leon	78	Tilton	21	5
Booska, Constance	4	Belmont	11	1
Bickford, David F.	87	Gilmanton	8	6
Brown, Willie	56	Tilton	52	1
Burris, Charles	65	Laconia	52	1
Copp, Shirley	52	New Hampton	52	1
Clifford, Calvin	62	Laconia	3	3
Cook, John	77	Manchester	18	5
Durrell, Arabelle	83	Laconia	6	
Davie, Eva	58	Tilton	52	1
Dore, Albert	51	Laconia	52	1
Guyer, Alexander	47	Laconia	42	
Gilbert, Robert R.	81	Alton	2	3
LaFlamme, Joseph	66	Laconia	52	1
McLlelan, Eva M.	52	Laconia	6	6
Moore, John H.	75	Lakeport		3
Moore, Margaret	75	Lakeport		3
Smith, Sidney	44	Lakeport	19	1
Stokes, Stephen	2	Laconia	29	6
Willis, Waldo	56	Alton		3

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 1952

Name	Weeks	Days
St. Jacques, Onesine	3	6
St. Jacques, Leo		4
Smith, Lawrence	32	6
Smith, Charles O.	4	3
Taylor, George	20	6
Twombly, Walter	24	
Wyatt, Richard	1	1
White, Daniel	2	
Williamson, Thomas	14	2

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL, 1952

Name	Weeks	Days
Boyd, William H.	9	4
Clark, Gilmore N.		1
Daoust, Eugene J.	1	2
Duval, Roland	9	1
Driscoll, Timothy V.	21	3
Fraser, Rosalie	21	3
Flanders, Gilbert S.		1
Hurd, Raymond	10	5
Heal, Aubrey N.	21	5
Lacroix, Robert		3
Lambert, Lionel A.	1	5
Martin, John		1
Mathieu, Daniel		3
Ouellette, Joseph S. V.	1	2
Pike, James	15	5
Parris, A. Leroy		1
Smith, Charles O.	13	4
Wyatt, Richard		1

REPORT OF BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

To the Citizens of Belknap County:

The appropriation to the Belknap County Cooperative Extension Service each year represents along with state funds, moneys which match Federal funds appropriated for the use of Land Grant Colleges in promoting educational work outside the immediate boundaries of the University proper.

Accomplishments from the use of these cooperative funds work in two directions. One, the dissemination of new and useful information gained by research, experimentation and work with other people to farm and city families in order to help them maintain a better standard of wholesome living from the land or from their pay checks; in order to help develop better citizens through work with the young folks; and to help protect and develop our forests and natural resources for long time income producing abilities. The other direction involved resulting from the use of such funds is the relay to the College of farm and home problems for research and study.

The work is carried on by an Agricultural Agent, a 4-H Club Agent, a Home Demonstration Agent and a County Forester shared with Strafford County. The secretarial and clerical work is accomplished by a full time secretary and a half time clerk.

Following is a resume written by each of the four Agents relative to his work. Annual reports, both statistical and narrative are available for you to study at your leisure at any time, at the Extension Service Offices at the Forestry Building.

HORACE C. BALLARD,

County Agricultural Agent

COUNTY AGENT WORK

Rather than devote this space this year to details of various dairy, poultry, fruit, general livestock, vegetables, marketing and other program work, it is the desire of this Agent to give public credit to committeemen throughout Belknap County who helped to formulate the various 1952 Extension Service programs in this line of work. It is through their personal interest in the Agriculture of the County that they devote free time to work with the Agricultural Agent to review the previous years' accomplishmens and shortcomings, consider the present situation and future outlook, and to help plan a program of work which will enable the Agent, University Specialists and the University of N. H. to be of the best possible service toward meeting the needs of the people of the County.

Each commodity committee generally consists of people with varying phases of the enterprise so as to provide cross-section thinking of the group for whom they plan. These 1952 Committees are as follows:

	Name	Town
Dairy	Royal W. Smith	Belmont
	John Weeks	Gilford
	Maurice Taylor	Laconia
	Milton Stone	Tilton
	Charles G. Kelley	Gilmanton
Poultry	Ernest Nedeau	Meredith
	Joseph Ledoux, Jr.	Tilton
	Arthur Tilton	Alton
	Charles Thorndyke	Meredith
	Warren Dyment	Gilford
Fruit	Charles Smith	Laconia
	Parkman Howe	Gilford
	Cheever Newhall	New Hampton
	Fred Carlson	Gilmanton
	W. W. Smith	Gilford
Vegetables	Malcolm Harrington	Laconia
	H. P. Foster	Alton
	Marshall Hodsdon	Meredith
	William Pearson	Laconia
	Fred Welch	Barnstead
Livestock	Arthur Harris	Gilford
	Elmon Phelps	Gilford
	Frank Swain	Sanbornton

While a formal committee on **Retail Marketing** was not appointed, the following retailers served in that capacity: Leo Bourgeault and Herman Page of Laconia and Howard Weeks of Meredith.

Since active working with retailers in the county on any sizable scale has not existed before, this year realized considerable activity in this direction. An apple merchandizing program was carried on in Laconia retail stores the week of December 3rd, 1951 and in Meredith and Laconia stores the following week. These programs demonstrated the possibilities of moving at competitive prices more, better quality apples into homes by means of better handling, care, and display practices.

A school was conducted for retail storemen handling poultry and eggs. A well-trained instructor at national level worked with these retailers so that they may handle these goods with advantage to themselves and to value-seeking shoppers.

Thirty-three Belknap retailers enrolled in a five-session training school for the handlers of fresh fruits and vegetables.

These activities help to illustrate that the work of the Extension Service is by no means confined to rural families and their farm and home problems.

Another instance is Extension's cooperation with the Agricultural Section of the N. H. Bankers Association in presenting and discussing with a group of bankers and some of their dairy farm clients mutual problems which exist in the field of agricultural credit.

Some people in the law profession, upon request have been supplied with sample farm lease forms, father and son agreements for the operation of a farm and others developed over the years by Agricultural Economics and farm management personnel.

HORACE C. BALLARD,

County Agricultural Agent

REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR 1952

Home Demonstration Work

To develop leadership among our women and fit them for the responsibilities of leadership is our aim in our home demonstration club work. That we may reach larger numbers of people and families, the largest part of agent's time is spent working with organized groups headed up by organization officers and subject matter leaders. These officers are trained in parliamentary law procedures that they may handle efficiently and effectively business which may come before the club to the effect that the home demonstration club wherever organized will better the community in which it functions.

The clubs meet each month with a planned program. The agent meets with the groups four times a year and trains leaders with help of subject matter specialists from University of New Hampshire so that the groups have material for the rest of their meetings of the year.

The program offered to these groups has been made up of suggestions which the women themselves have presented as problems at the Program Planning meeting in the previous May.

Since good nutrition is basic to all good health, the women felt much emphasis needs to be placed on it. Since we know that elderly people as well as growing youth need a good protein diet to maintain and achieve maximum health we gave the lessons on "Know Your Proteins," "Feeding the Family" and the "ABC's of Nutrition." These were developed in the way the agent felt would help the women in the particular group where they were being presented. To help our women understand the peoples of other lands we encouraged them to use and study food and customs of neighbors across the seas. An excellent international luncheon was put on by one group to which members of other clubs were invited and which was attended by 63 visiting members. Food from eight neighboring countries was served making a very delicious international luncheon. Other groups had some member make some of the dishes that they had known "at home" — other groups made dishes from our brieflets on "Foods from Other Lands" and studying something of the country from which they came.

To help in the Health of our county and to cooperate

with all existing agencies the agent cooperated by acting as Canteen Service Chairman to serve meals and refreshments at Blood Bank which come to our city every month. Women have been trained in quantity cookery and each woman in turn has taken charge when agent had to be absent from city several times on day of Blood Bank. We have also been called out in the night to get food ready for 200 men fighting forest fires. In these projects we have cooperated with Red Cross and Civil Defense.

Agent is also City Service Chairman for Cancer Society and we are now making dressings for ten cancer patients. Groups have made and we have given out the following this past year:

	In	Out
Dressings	5,667	4,179
Scuffies	29	14
Johnnies	129	144
Bibs	2	2
Bed Pan Covers	24	12

We have had two patients die just recently who were using great quantities of dressings. Many of the groups have also sent bundles of cloth as finger tip towel pieces for use in the Jackson Cancer Research Laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine.

These projects give our women something worthwhile to be doing at club meetings beside talking and eating.

Because we knew that home food production would cut food costs for our families, we urged home gardens and food preservation.

Even with a bad growing season our women report doing a good amount of canning and freezing.

Frozen	Canned
5,450 lbs. fruit	9,275 qts. fruit
4,260 lbs. vegetables	10,985 qts. tomatoes or juice or garden special, etc.
29,490 lbs. meat and fish	11,980 qts. other vegetables
	1,430 qts. meat, fish, etc.

Our aim in the Remodeling and Remaking Project was to teach homemakers how to stretch the clothing dollar by remodeling and remaking both children and adult garments.

Some excellent results came out of this meeting with 175 garments remade and 329 articles remodeled. We stressed the taking of measurements, use of patterns and sewing short cuts. At each meeting Agent gave points on season's color and line and silhouette. One could estimate the savings on this project alone as well over $900.

Our first clothing leader training meeting was held with our new Clothing Specialist on Care of Fabrics and Spot and Stain Removal. The traveling was glare ice on the back roads and consequently our attendance was poor. The eight women who came to the meeting felt they got a lot from the meeting and they reported good meetings held in their own communities.

The agent worked with the Hebrew women in the Hospital Band Work which they do which is to help in the children's ward at the hospital. They were needing help with making washable slippers for all age youngsters. Agent worked out seven patterns and showed sample scuffies to the group. From this help scuffies were made in sufficient number to take care of all ambulatory patnents in the pediatric ward of whatever age or size. Also help was given on making bathrobes.

In Home Management our chosen projects this year were on the Purchase, Care and Storage of small non-electrical kitchen equipment to help our homemakers with care, buying and storage of small equipment and to apply scientific methods for getting work done. Agent gave eight meetings on this project and gave a demonstration of knife sharpening at each meeting.

Taking kit of ideas for more storage space always brought out many ideas for discussion. The method of washing dishes at least 1,095 times a year always brought out some points for changes in kitchen arrangement. From these meetings plans for remodeling twenty-four kitchens have been made in the county this year.

One woman stated that for years she had had to walk way into a pantry many feet from sink and stove to get much of her equipment because there just wasn't storage room in the kitchen for it. Last winter she was ill for several weeks and friend husband had to do the work — and at once cupboards were built over and around the sink so that travel to the pantry has been eliminated by at least half.

Many women acted as though they had never realized it was more efficient for right handed women to work from right to left in washing dishes.

180 women reported using the information given in the purchase of small equipment.

220 women reported changing their present equipment so that they could work easier.

330 reported removing unused equipment from their work spaces.

Plans were made for help in remodeling 24 kitchens. Miss Beggs helped with 14 of these. Some of these have been simple changes, some have been an almost complete rebuilding

process. Some have meant changing kitchen to some other room in the house. One has been the making of an upstairs apartment and a new kitchen in downstairs apartment in an old house occupied by father and son families. Some of the plans have been followed and completed. Some are now in the process of being done and some will be done after new equipment is paid for.

When Miss Beggs came to assist me we took accurate measurements of floor and wall space and a plan was drawn by her to scale with suggestions for remodeling which might be over a five year period. If all these people had had to consult architects, thousands of dollars (from $2,000 to $5,000) would have been spent which is otherwise saved by this project.

The project called, color and design was planned especially to help the young homemaker understand color combinations in design and how to apply it and the interrelation of color and design. It was a continuation of work done in previous two years.

There is always a clamoring for chair seating instructions. I had a class in the city on it last year and now a request is for another class this year. 200 chairs were reseated by caning, 50 by rush type seating with multi-fiber cord and 50 by splint or oval pith. The material is purchased from a man right here in New Hampshire who deals in it and gives us a good reduction of 10% discount.

Two fine things come out of this work — in many cases the husband and wife work together in my classes, and the people are much more appreciative of the price that is charged by a person who does it for a business after they have worked on a chair themselves. Some chairs have been brought out of attics, shed chambers, bought at auctions or been in the family for years. An estimated saving of at least $1,000 can easily be made on this project.

The agent went for a refresher course in refinishing. At each chair seating meeting information was given on refinishing so that that really has been a combination of the two projects. A class made up of mothers of young children is now going on. Some of these pieces are really nice and will finish up beautifully. One girl will have an upholstering job to do on a beautiful black walnut rose carved occasional chair. Three chairs and four tables are being worked on in this class.

The women having refinished the following number of pieces.

a.	chairs	290
b.	tables	60
c.	other	60

which means an estimated saving of at least $2,000.

With the County Agricultural Agent, I spent one day calling on ten of our previous Farm and Home Show Dealers. We were trying to get the concensus of these men as to the mercantile situation today — to ascertain the wisdom of holding a show this year. They, for the most part, were very enthusiastic about the show and plans were made to have our sixth annual Farm and Home Show at the Recreation Area in Gilford on April 19 and 20. Saturday all day and evening and Sunday afternoon.

This sixth annual show was built around the theme

"RE-NEW in '52"

The dealers were most cooperative, as always, and put up some fine exhibits. Several new exhibitors joined up this year.

As has been our custom for the last two years, the Extension Service has taken the center aisle of the ballroom floor for State and County exhibits.

The Home Demonstration Agent built her exhibit around the home management projects and with signs back of articles exemplifying them which said:

Whether we repaint
Or whether we re-paper
Re-finish or re-upholster
Re-seat or slip cover
Let's re-do and re-new in '52

The exhibit told its own story

A signup sheet for bulletins on these projects showed good interest. 93 were requested.

At the fireplace one of the florists cooperated on my idea of showing some home beautification. With the fireplace as a suggestion of an outdoor fireplace on a terrace, with foundation plantings or shrubbery and colorful plants on either side and a lovely umbrella, table and chairs, and two chaise lounges.

The little poem below was over the fireplace.

Home Beautification for you and yours
Can be a living room out-of-doors
Shrubs and posies can change for you
Your family's outlook in '52

I hope this is a beginning of a project in home beautification.

To help my women with problems in Family Life situations I send out a letter each month called Lakes Region

Mothers' Chat. This is going to an increasing number of women each month as one will tell another that the letter is available. I include in it each month something about baby care, preschool children's problems, school age and teen-agers' helps — and the comments made by my women prove these letters are most helpful to them.

The agent had the wonderful experience of receiving the Distinguished Service Award given by the National Home Demonstration Agents Association in Chicago on November 8, 1952. There were fifty-five girls honored from all over the United States at the most impressive ceremony at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

The two letters I send to a list requesting them is a project which takes a lot of time in thought and getting the material in shape and then out to over 1317 women. However the spoken and written words of praise for these letters prove that all the time spent on them are well worth the effort.

The outlook for Home Demonstration work in the county is a healthy one. I have in my plan of work that two new groups will be organized — that all present groups will be strengthened by better organization and supervision by the agent. A new president of the county council is to be elected and I feel that the woman who should receive the honor of presidency is a woman who has been in Extension Work over twenty-five years and is a good thinking person. I look for better community work to be done by my groups though I think for the most part they do a wonderful job now.

I strongly recommend that the time for a secretary to help the agent more hours be considered as a good investment, to free the agent from a lot of office work — so that more city work may be done.

I feel that we are missing a great tool in our work in not having a radio program, and I should like to have a TV program, too.

Through the course of her work the Home Demonstration Agent made 134 home visits, had 424 people come in to the office for help and 1238 telephone for help. 8367 free bulletins were distributed to our County people on subjects on which they had requested help.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) HARRIET L. CLARK,
Belknap County Home Demonstration Agent

REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

YEAR 1952

COUNTY 4-H WORK

The 4-H Youth Extension work deals with young farm and non-farm youth from nine to 21 years of age to promote better standards in Agriculture and Home Economics and to develop better citizenry. The work is carried out by local volunteer leaders in each town within the County.

During 1952 there were 21 organized 4-H Clubs, eight project groups and one Older Youth Club in Belknap County. Fourteen men and 33 women were volunteer leaders, assisted by 13 older boys and 15 older girls serving as Junior Leaders.

Of approximately 550 boys and girls applying for 4-H Membership, 220 boys and 223 girls (443 total) qualified for membership and 70.2% of them reported their accomplishments. 269 members were from 192 farm homes and 174 members were from 132 non-farm homes. 604 projects were started and 93.2% of them were reported.

Members under the 4-H program produced and conserved food, including vegetable gardens, poultry and livestock, canning and freezing to make food more available for family and other uses. They made their homes more attractive and livable by room improvement, arts and crafts, home management, beautification of home grounds, making and repairing clothing and child care projects.

They also made their homes and farms more efficient and profitable by participating in safety and health activities, conservation practices, electricity, tractor maintenance and many other projects.

RUTH C. WESTON,
County Club Agent —
January - Sept. '52

Submitted by: CHARLES A. PROCTOR
Acting Co. Club Agent —
Sept. - Dec. '52

COUNTY FORESTER WORK
YEAR 1952

The aim of the County Forestry work is to assist and guide landowners in the management of their woodlands and the marketing of their forest products. Good management of their woodlands means a continuous income to the land owner, more stability for forest product-using industries, and higher recreational value for the County in the form of more scenic landscape and better wildlife habitats which will furnish more hunting and fishing.

The County Forester divides his time equally between Strafford and Belknap Counties. During November, Mr. Bradley submitted his resignation as County Forester. The new County Forester reported for work on December 15th 1952. There was a period of about one month when the district was without a forester.

The following is a summary of work in both counties.

During the year, 108 woodland owners involving 11,182 acres were given assistance by the County Forester. 1,091,000 board feet of sawable timber and 562 cords of pulpwood and fuelwood were marked for partial cutting operations. The landowners received a gross income of approximately $55,062.00 for all products harvested under improved forestry practices.

Local lumbermen and operators were contacted to obtain information for the annual Forest Market Bulletin. This bulletin and many others are free, and may be obtained by contacting your County Forester.

The County Forester participated in 22 meetings within the district and forestry exhibits were displayed at the Belknap Farm and Home Show and the Rochester Fair.

During the past year, woodland owners, operators and selectmen in the district were given assistance in working with the conservation phases of the timber tax law.

As in previous years, 80 percent of the Foresters' time was spent in the field making woodland visits and assisting land-owners with marketing problems.

Requests for the forester services by the woodland owners during the year were so great that the forester was unable to meet all of them. It is hoped, that this situation created by a forester having two counties may be corrected in the future with a full time forester for each county.

Submitted by,

ROGER S. LEIGHTON,

County Forester

HOWELL BUSINESS SERVICE
TILTON, N.H.